

EARLIER,
AT 5:30 PM

IS THIS IT?



YEAH!

I OVERHEARD THE
COMPANY'S NAME WHEN
THE POLICE CALLED THEM!
IT'S THIS PLACE.

MOST
PEOPLE GET OFF
OF WORK AT SIX, SO
SHE'LL BE COMING
OUT SOON.

IF SHE'S
WORKING AT A
COMPANY, I GUESS
SHE'S NOT A
TEENAGER.





THAT'S
WHY I CAME HERE.
TO SEE HER FOR
MYSELF.

HEY GARAM,
WILL YOU TELL ME
WHO THE WITNESSES
WERE NOW?

JUST WAIT.
I SAID I'D TELL
YOU ONCE WE FIND
THAT WOMAN.

WHY ARE YOU
OBSESSING
OVER THAT?





O-OKAY.

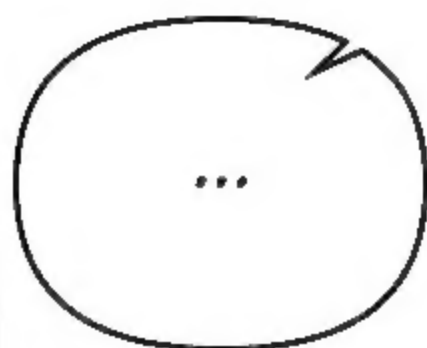
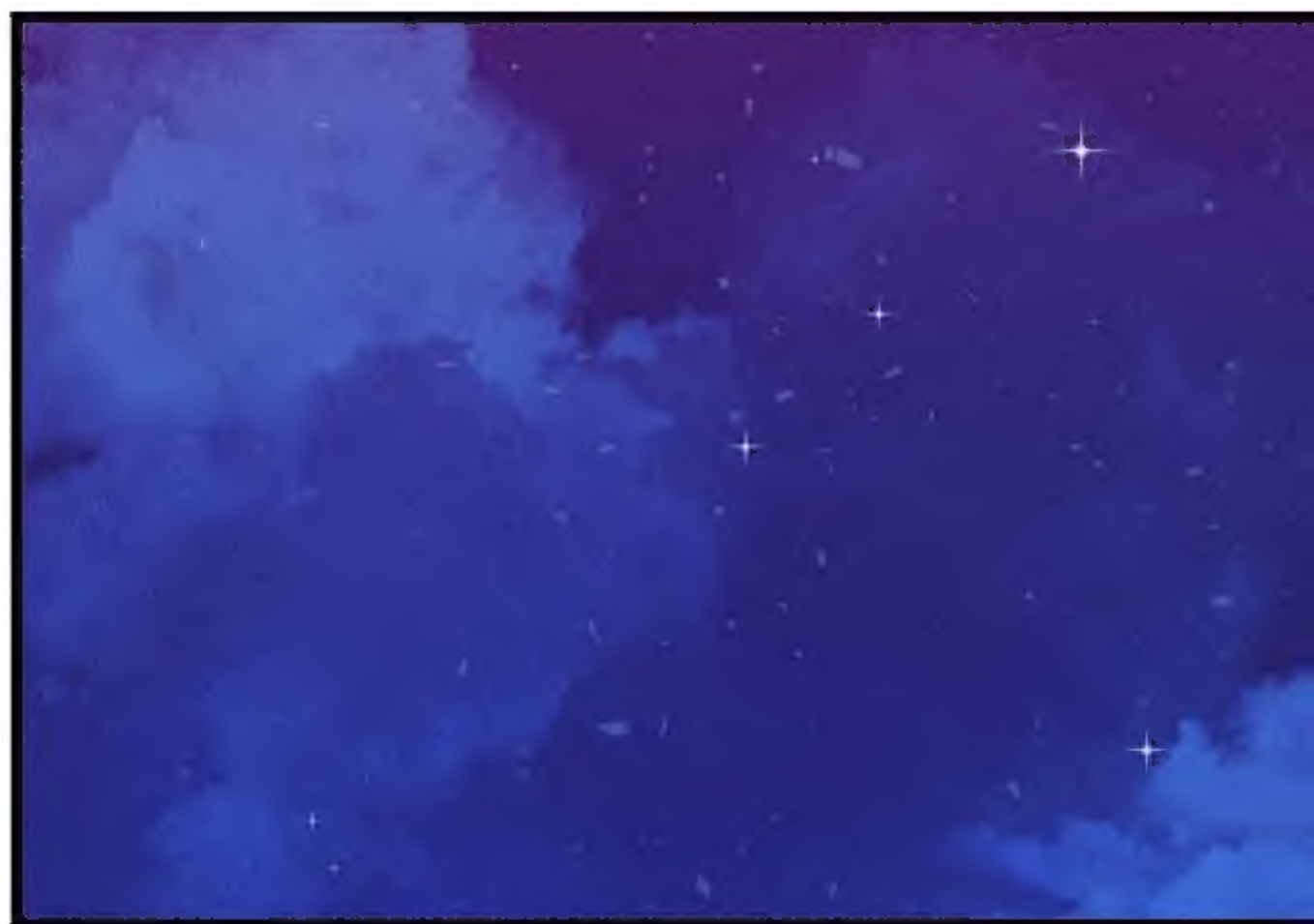


I DON'T
REALLY WANT
TO RUN INTO HER
AGAIN...

The New Hire is the Demon Lord

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HAA...
ARE YOU SURE
THIS IS THE
PLACE?



Y-YEAH!
IT IS! I DEFINITELY
HEARD IT!

GH COMPANY!

I'M TOTALLY
SURE.

ARE THEY
WORKING OVERTIME?

IF I DON'T SEE HER
TODAY, YOU'RE
DEAD.

HEY, IF WE
HAD GONE TO WORK
INSTEAD OF WAITING,
I COULD'VE MADE
30,000 WON.*

*ABOUT 30 USD

*ABOUT 110 USD

SINCE
IT'S THE FOUR
OF US, HAND OVER
110,000 WON.*





WHAT A
CHUMP... THREE
TIMES FOUR IS TWELVE,
SO IT'D BE 120,000
WON*... I'M SAVING
10,000 WON*!
NICE!

PFFT

HEHE



STEP

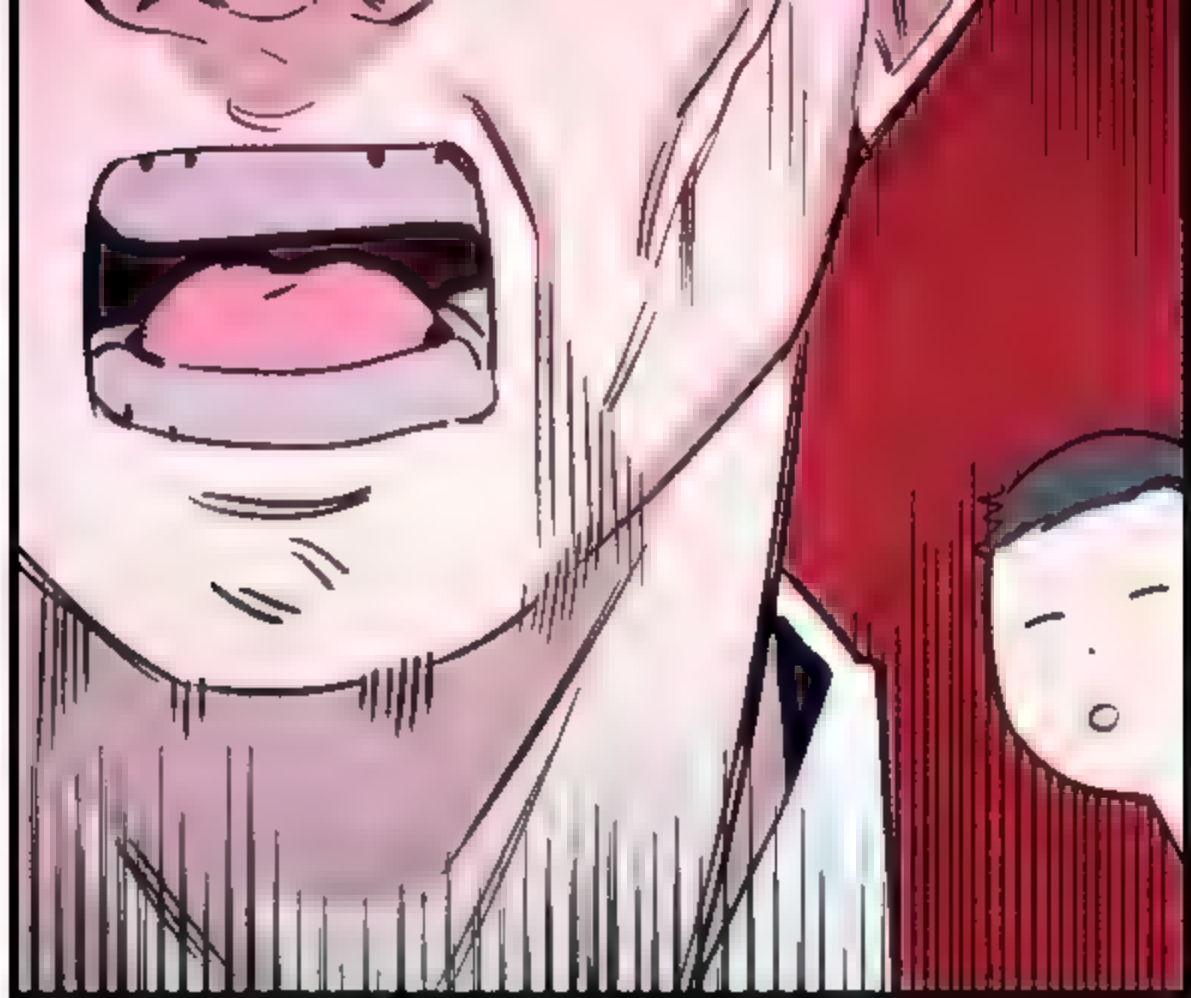


*ABOUT 120 USD AND 10 USD RESPECTIVELY

WHAT IF THEY
LEFT THROUGH THE
BACK EXIT? WHY ARE
THEY TAKING SO
LONG?

OH NO! WHY
DIDN'T I THINK
OF THAT!

DUN



HEY, DON'T BE
LIKE THAT. THERE'S
NO WAY HE DIDN'T
THINK OF THAT.

I GUESS SO.
SORRY, MAN.

WHY ARE YOU
SWEATING SO MUCH?
IS IT TOO HOT
FOR YOU?

Y-YEAH,
I SWEAT A
LOT.

THUMP

THUMP

OH NO,
I'M SCREWED...
WHAT IF WE DON'T
SEE HER TODAY?

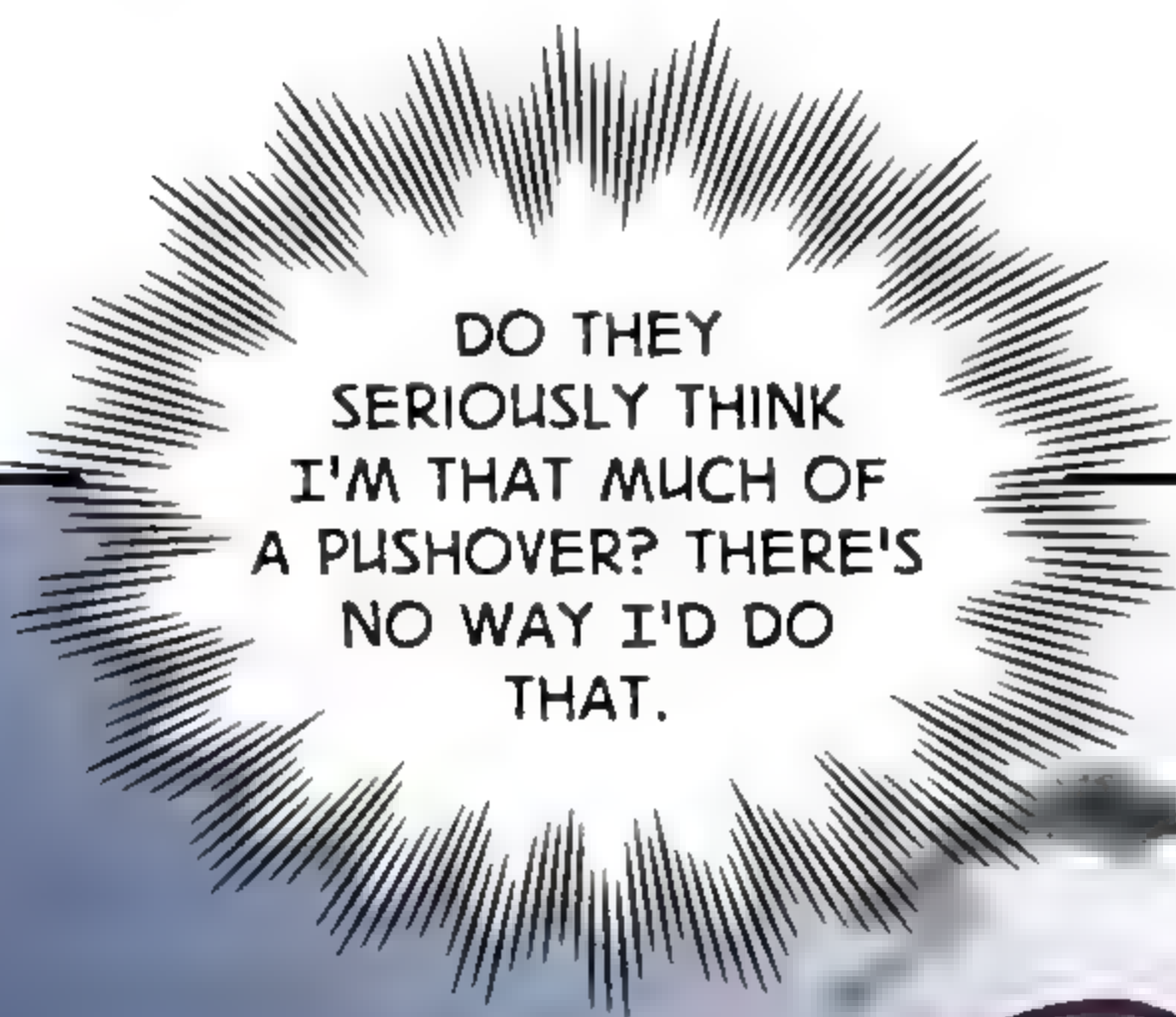
I CAME TO
WATCH A FUN
FIGHT...

HEY,
BYEONGHYEON.
ENTERTAIN US BY
DANCING OR
SOMETHING.

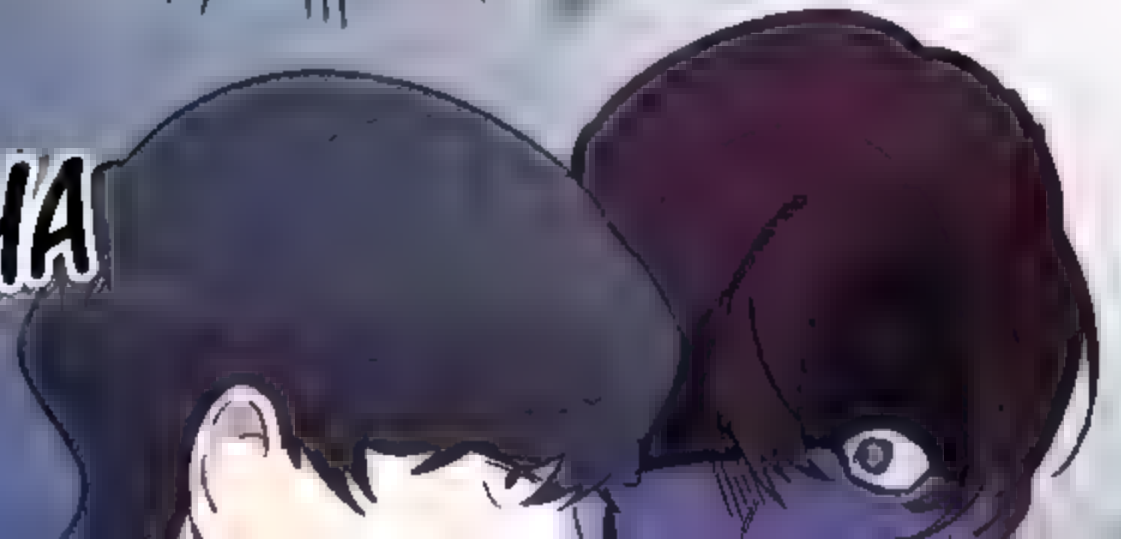




DANCING?



DO THEY
SERIOUSLY THINK
I'M THAT MUCH OF
A PUSHOVER? THERE'S
NO WAY I'D DO
THAT.

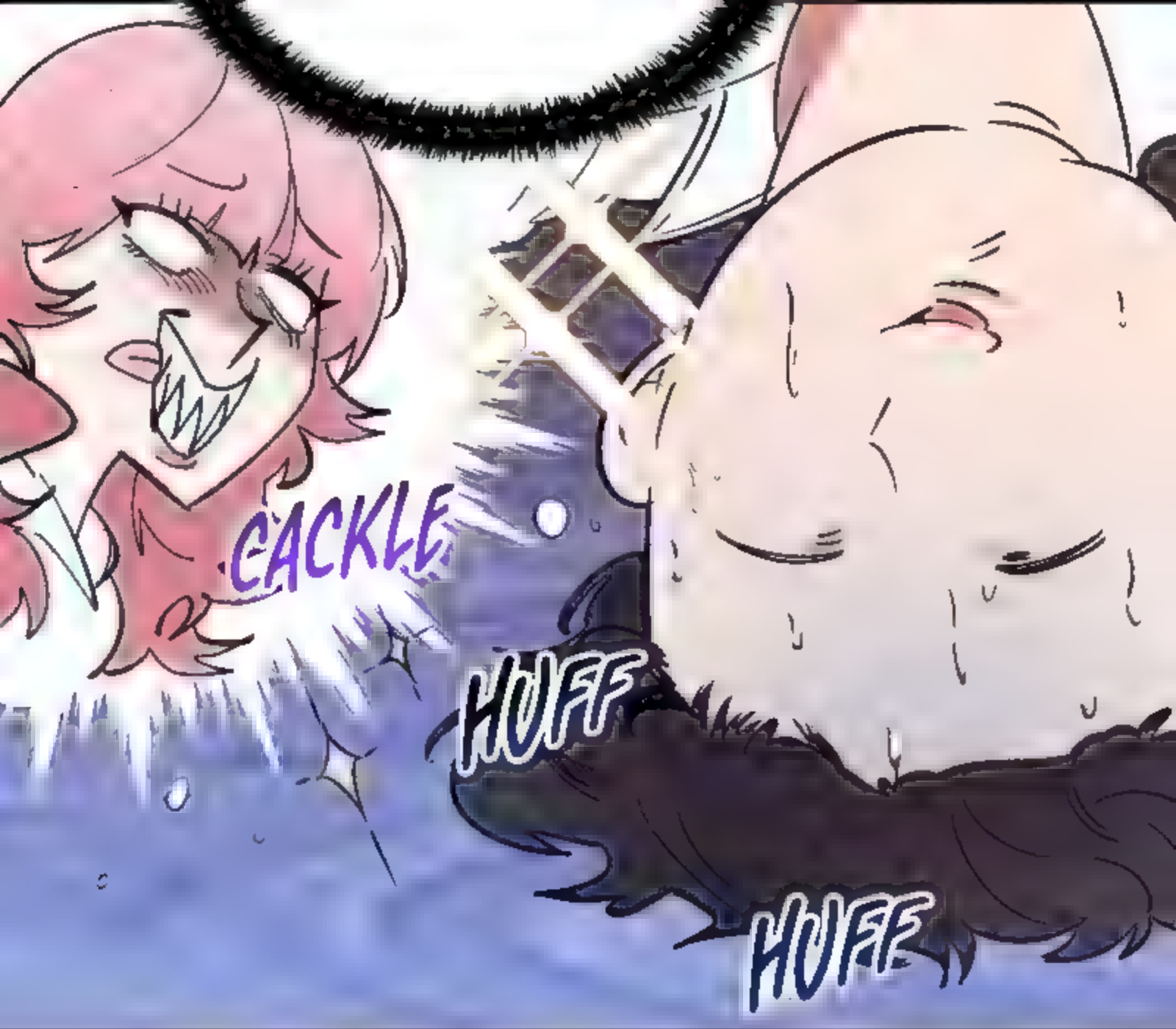


HAHA



HOW'S THIS,
GUYS?!





...PLEASE
SHOW UP!



TAP

HEY, WHY ARE
YOU STOPPING?
KEEP GOING.

SWISH



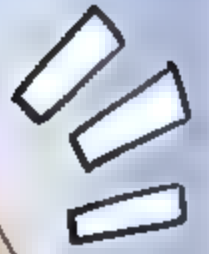


TH-THERE
SHE IS!



G-GARAM,
THAT'S HER!

GLANCE



THE WOMAN
BEING CARRIED
BY THAT MAN!



SHE'S THE
ONE WHO SENT
JAEUK FLYING UP
IN THE SKY...

AND MADE

AND MADE
EVERYONE ELSE
LOSE THEIR MEMORIES OF
THE FIGHT WITH NOTHING
BUT FLICKS ON THE
FOREHEAD!

THE SCARY
LADY!

DU DUN

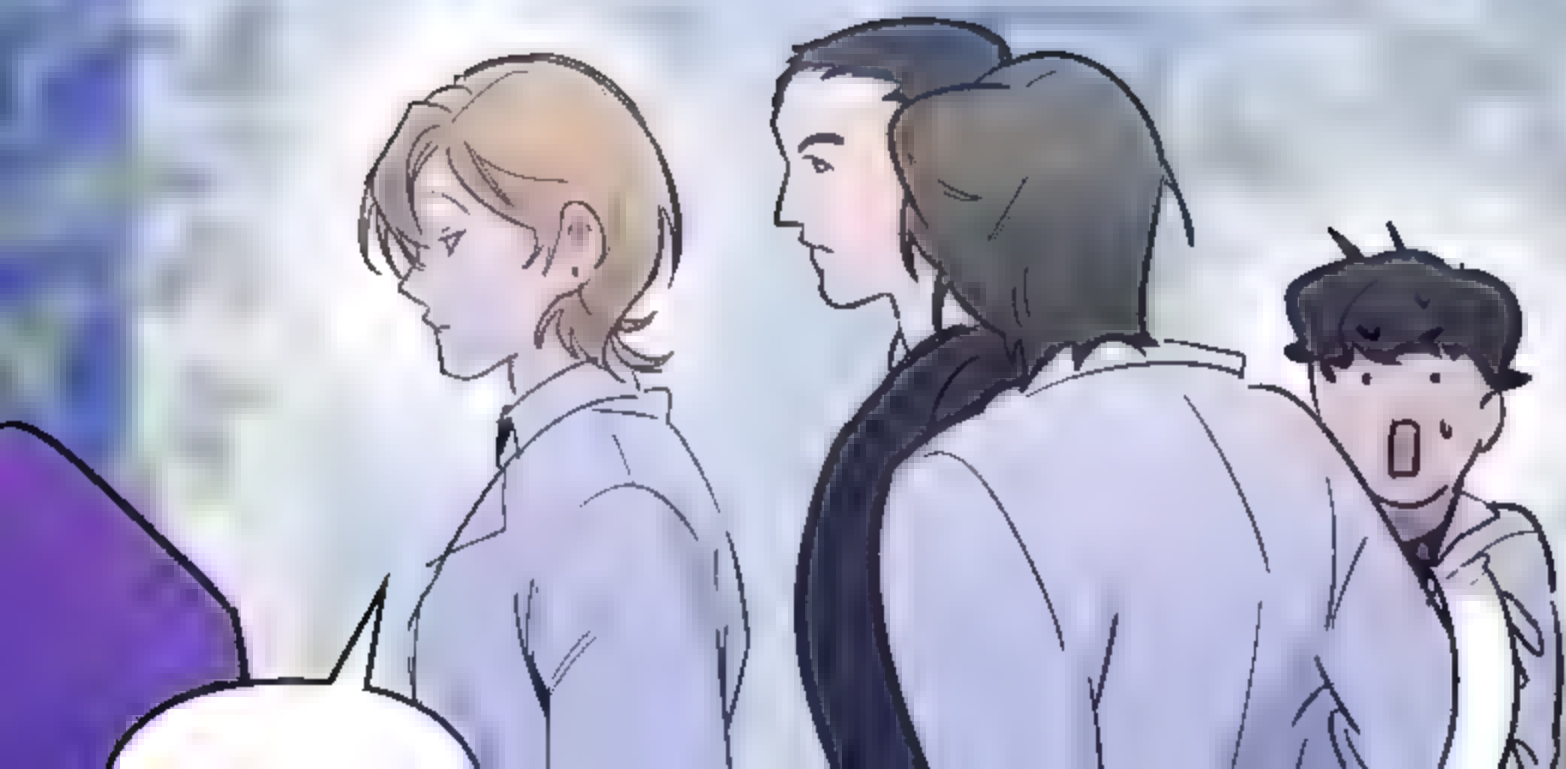
SHE'S DROOLING
ON ME...

STEP



STEP

STOP
EXAGGERATING,
YOU NERD.





I'M
TELLING YOU,
SHE'S NOT
HUMAN!

ALSO,
I'M NOT A
NERD. I ONLY LIKE
MAINSTREAM
STUFF.

LIKE WHAT?

LIKE THE USUAL
STUFF!

COMFORTABLE



ARE YOU
SURE THAT'S
HER?

IT IS! I SAW
THAT GUY, TOO.
I THINK HE'S HER
BOYFRIEND.



SHE
LOOKS WEAK...
I THOUGHT SHE MIGHT
BE A BLUFF WOMAN WHO
DOES MARTIAL ARTS OR
SOMETHING, BUT SHE'S
JUST NORMAL.

HEY GARAM.

THAT GUY PISSES ME
OFF. CAN I BEAT
HIM UP?

JUST
GET OUT OF
MY WAY.

PAUSE





LOOM

HMM?





GRIN

HEY, MAN!

STEP





WE HAVE
SOME BUSINESS
WITH THAT LADY
ON YOUR BACK.



UH...
RIGHT NOW?



THAT'S ONE OF
THE BOYS I SAW
AT THE POLICE
STATION!

HAA... THIS IS
WHY YOU SHOULDN'T
MESS WITH TEENS
THESE DAYS.

STEP



SHOUT W
STEP



WH-WHAT'S
THIS ABOUT?



DID HE BRING HIS
OTHER FRIENDS TO
GET REVENGE?



NOTHING
MUCH. WE JUST

WANTED TO TALK
TO HER.

HE AT
LEAST SEEMS
REASONABLE.





I SEE, HAHA...
BUT SHE'S A LITTLE
DRUNK NOW. WOULD YOU
COME BACK SOME
OTHER TIME?

HAHA

HAA...
COME ON...

THWACK

?!









FLIP



THUD

BUMP





FROWN



WHOA,
LOOK AT THAT!
HE FLIPPED OVER SO
THAT HE WOULDN'T
FALL ON HIS
GIRLFRIEND!

NGH...

L-LAHAN!
ARE YOU--

YEAH,
YOU'RE FINE.

HAHAHA



WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?! THAT WAS
DANGEROUS! WE COULD
HAVE GOTTEN
SERIOUSLY
HURT!





THROB

DO YOU
WANT TO END UP
AT THE POLICE
STATION?!

I KICKED
YOU SO THAT
YOU WOULD
GET HURT.



IT'S YOUR
OWN FAULT FOR
NOT CATCHING MY DRIFT
THE FIRST TIME. DOES IT
LOOK LIKE I'M ASKING
NICELY?

AND WHAT
WAS THAT?
THE POLICE
STATION?

YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO SHOULD
END UP THERE. THIS
LADY BEAT UP MY
DEAR FRIENDS,
YOU KNOW!

YOU KNOW.



I'M
NOT DOING THIS
FOR FUN. I'M JUST
TRYING TO AVENGE

TRYING TO AVENGE
MY FRIENDS.

HUH? AM I
THAT MUCH OF
A LOSER?



IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT
FOR NOT CATCHING
MY DRIFT...

IT'S YOUR OWN
FAULT...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE I'M
GETTING SCOLDED
BY A HIGH SCHOOLER

BY A HIGH SCHOOLER
LIKE I GET SCOLDED
AT THE OFFICE...

OH, AND I'VE
GONE TO THE POLICE
STATION ABOUT NINE
TIMES IN MY LIFE.

ALL
THEY EVER
DO IS GIVE OUT
WARNINGS.





SO GO
AHEAD AND
TAKE ME THERE
IF YOU WANT.
HEHEHE...





HE'S NOT
KIDDING! THAT
LOOK IN HIS EYES
IS NO JOKE!

YOU DON'T
BELIEVE THAT



BELIEVE THAT
LIE THAT A BOY
WAS THROWN UP
INTO THE SKY,
RIGHT?

SHOUT

IT'S NOT A LIE!
YOUR GIRLFRIEND
ACTUALLY THREW
MY FRIEND UP
IN THE AIR!



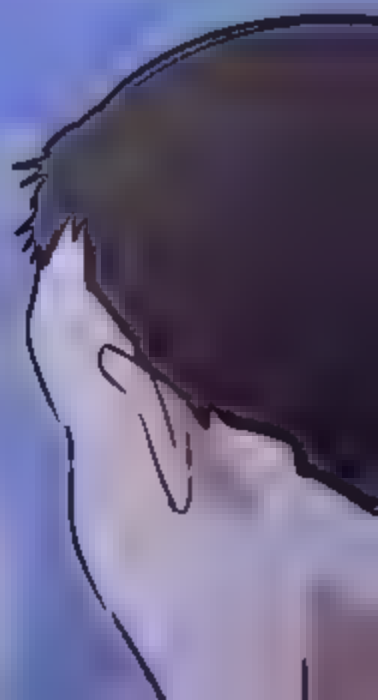
SEE?
HE SAID HE
DIDN'T LIE.

SO GOOD

SO STOP
COMPLICATING
THINGS AND WAKE UP
YOUR GIRLFRIEND
ALREADY.

BUT
SHE'S DRUNK...
YOU SHOULD REALLY
TALK TO HER ONCE
SHE'S SOBER--

HEY JIHLIN, GO
AHEAD AND SLAP
HER REALLY HARD
ACROSS THE FACE
A FEW TIMES.





KAY!

WAIT-!

RAISE



I'M NOT HER
BOYFRIEND,

AND
I HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT SHE
DID WRONG,
BUT...

DON'T
MESS WITH HER
RIGHT NOW!



WHOA, LOOK AT
MR. BUSINESSMAN.

SNICKER



THIS IS
FINALLY GETTING
INTERESTING.

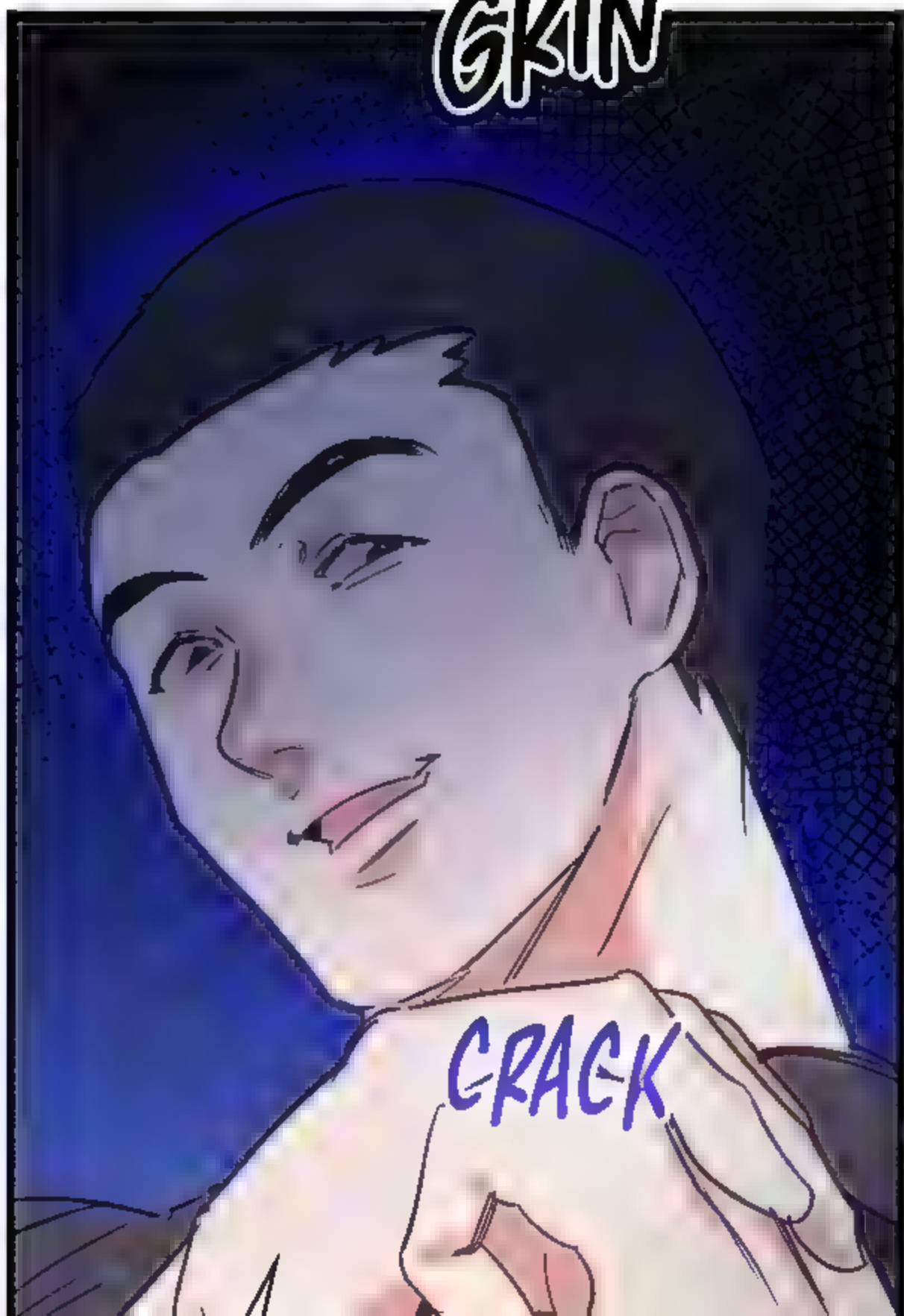
HEY GARAM,
IT'S OKAY FOR ME
TO HIT THIS GUY,
RIGHT?

YIP

UP,
I'LL COVER
FOR YOU.

GRIN

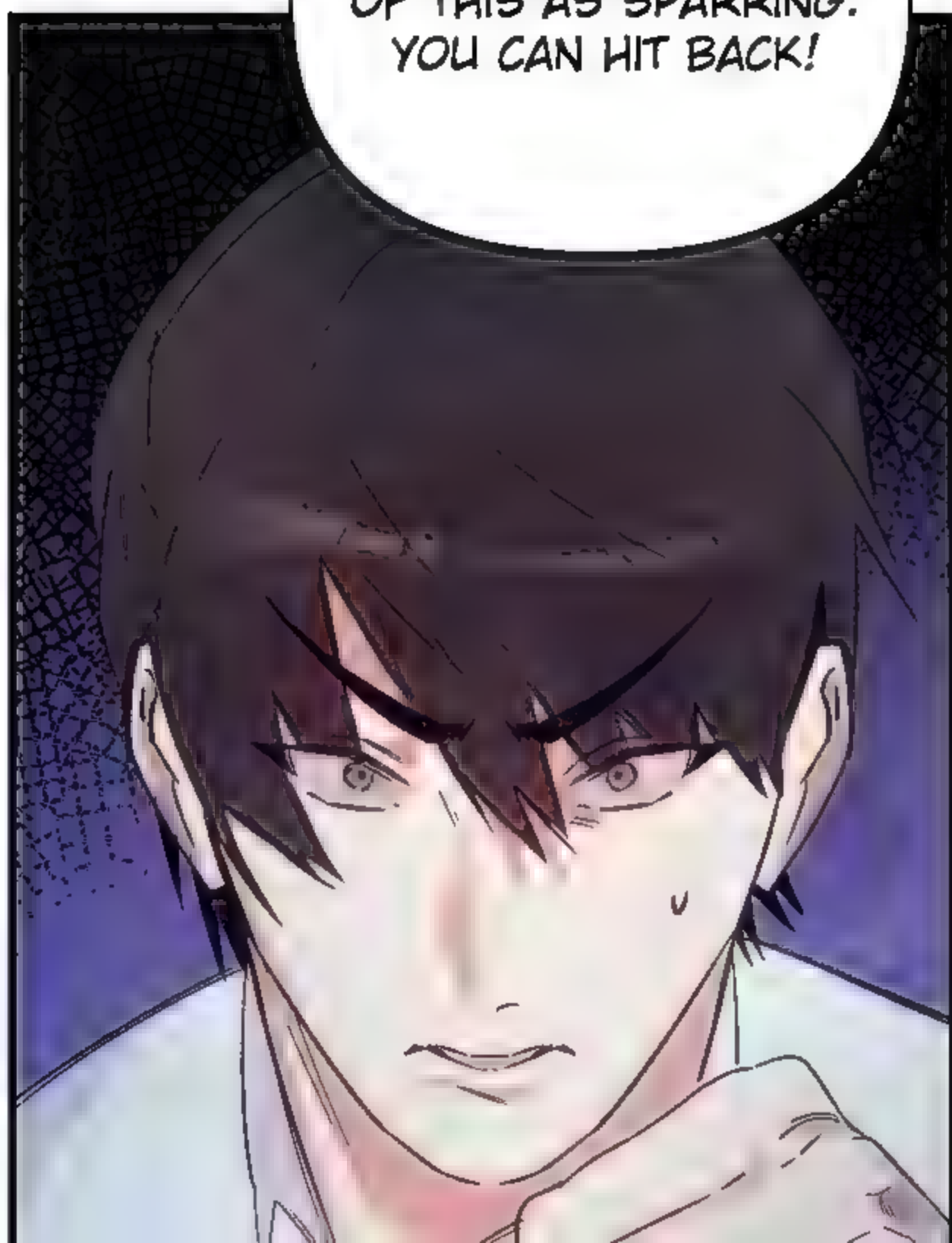
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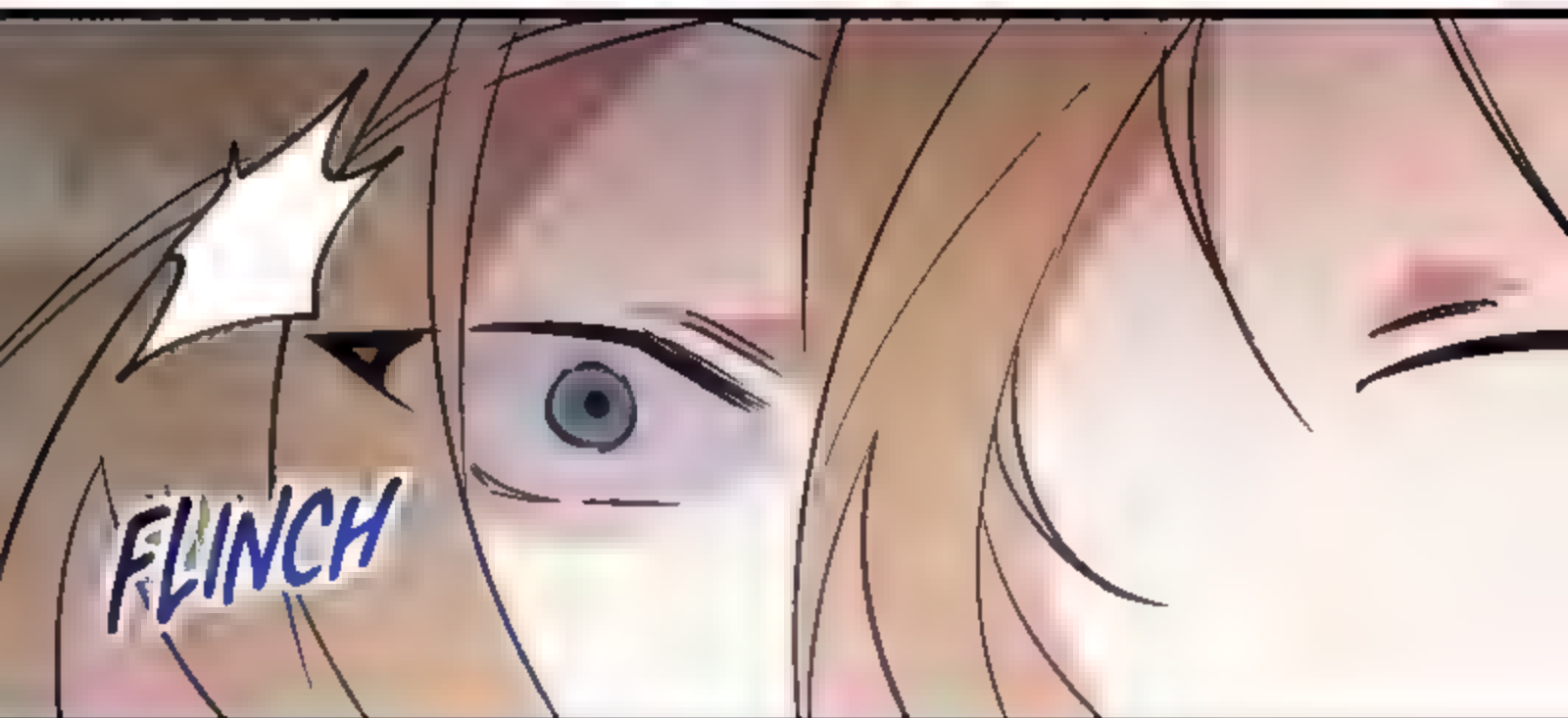
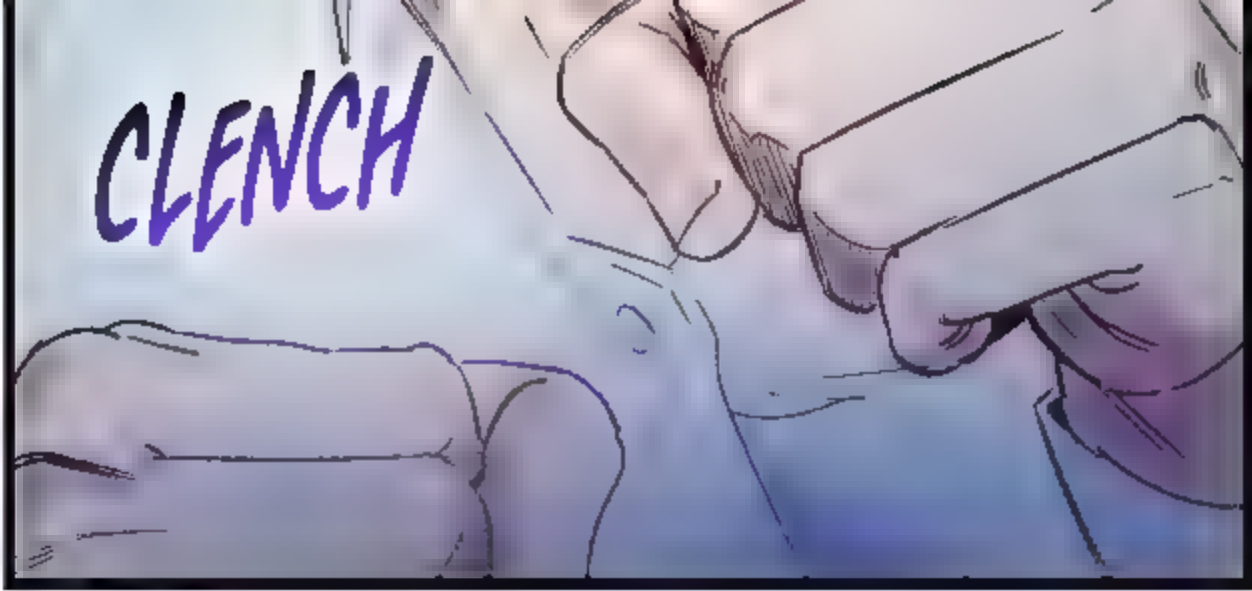




OKAY.
I JUST STARTING
TAKING BOXING LESSONS,
SO THIS'LL BE GOOD
PRACTICE.

HEY, JUST THINK
OF THIS AS SPARRING.
YOU CAN HIT BACK!





A comic book panel featuring a man and a woman in a city setting at night. The man, with dark hair and a black t-shirt, is leaning forward and speaking. The woman, with short blonde hair and a light blue shirt, is looking at him. The background shows a blurred city skyline with tall buildings.

HEY, DON'T
LET YOUR GUARD
DOWN.

WHAT, DON'T
YOU BELIEVE
IN ME?

WHATEVER,
JUST DON'T LET
YOUR GUARD
DOWN.

GEEZ,
THAT REALLY
HURTS MY PRIDE. HE
DOESN'T EVEN KNOW
THE PROPER
STANCE.

STEP





STEP

PULL IN YOUR
CHIN MORE, OR THIS'LL
BE OVER IN A SINGLE
PUNCH.

LET'S
START EASY,
OKAY?



SNICKER

**THEY'RE
UNDERESTIMATING
ME!**



CLENCH

BUT
I'M AN ADULT,
AND THEY'RE JUST
HIGH SCHOOLERS.
I CAN DO
THIS!



POW

I GOT
A POINT
RIGHT AWAY,
SEE?



FWUMP

NICE!

THAT WAS
GREAT.

WHOA,
NICE PUNCH.
YOU'RE GETTING
BETTER.

W-WAIT,
I DIDN'T SEE
THAT COMING AT ALL!
IS HE REALLY A HIGH
SCHOOLER?!

TREMBLE



THROB

UGH...

IT HURTS...
IT HURTS SO
MUCH!

I CAN'T PUT
ANY WEIGHT INTO
MY PUNCHES...



YOU NEED
TO TWIST AT
YOUR HIPS.

DO YOU WANT
A TURN?

WHAT

ARE THEY
DOING?

THWACK





POW





OH... I WAS
MISTAKEN.





KERGH

THEY AREN'T
TRYING TO GET
REVENGE IN THE
FIRST PLACE.



THEY JUST
NEEDED AN EXCUSE
TO BE VIOLENT.





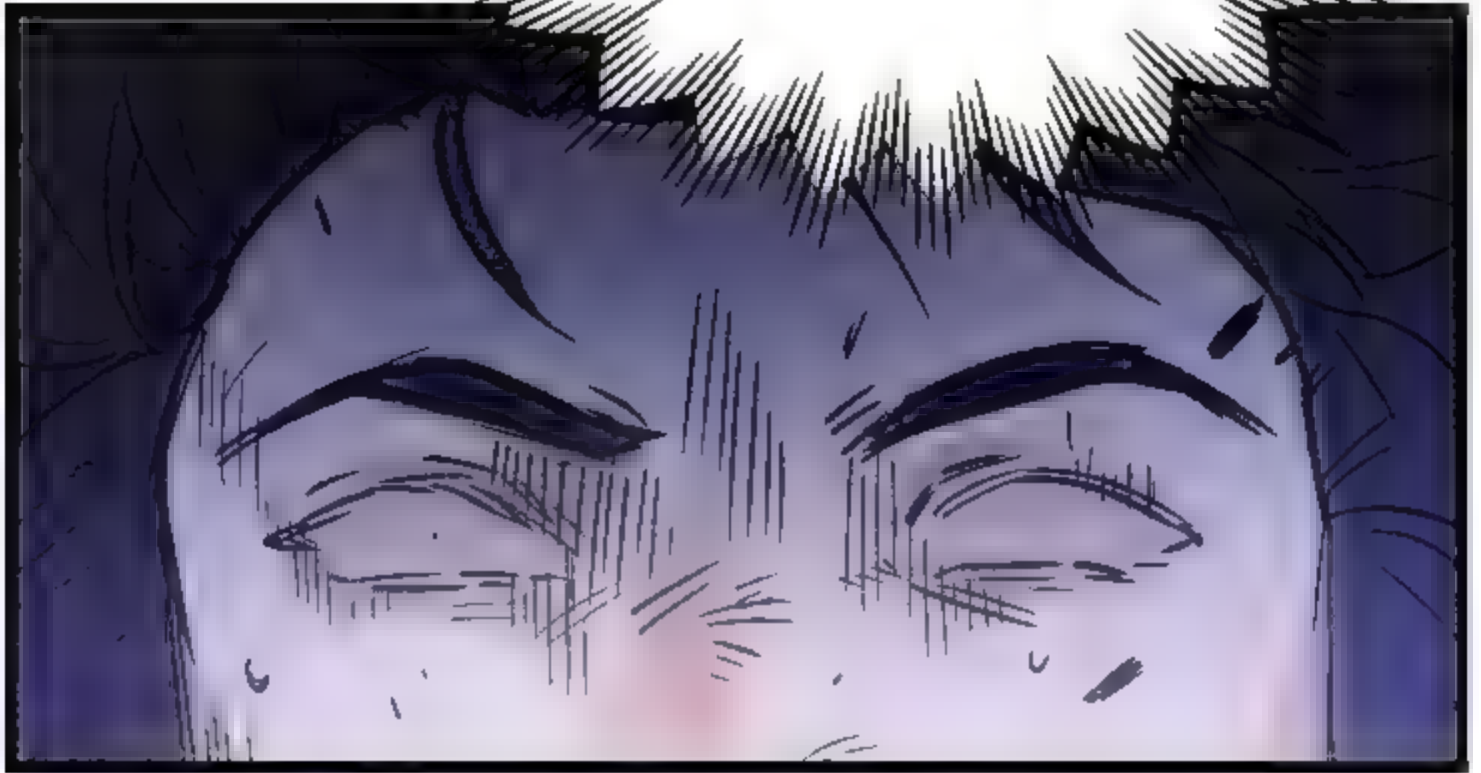
IT DEFINITELY
FEELS DIFFERENT
FROM PUNCHING
A SANDBAG,
RIGHT?

I WANT A
TURN, TOO!



THEY'RE

THEY'RE
TREATING ME
LIKE A TOY...



...AND ARE
ENJOYING THIS
WITHOUT ANY SENSE
OF GUILT AT ALL.

WHAT AM I
DOING HERE?





JUST
MOMENTS
AGO, I WAS AT
A COMPANY
DINNER...

I WANNA
FIGHT AGAINST
THAT LADY.



LET'S JUST
HIT HER TO WAKE
HER UP.

DUN



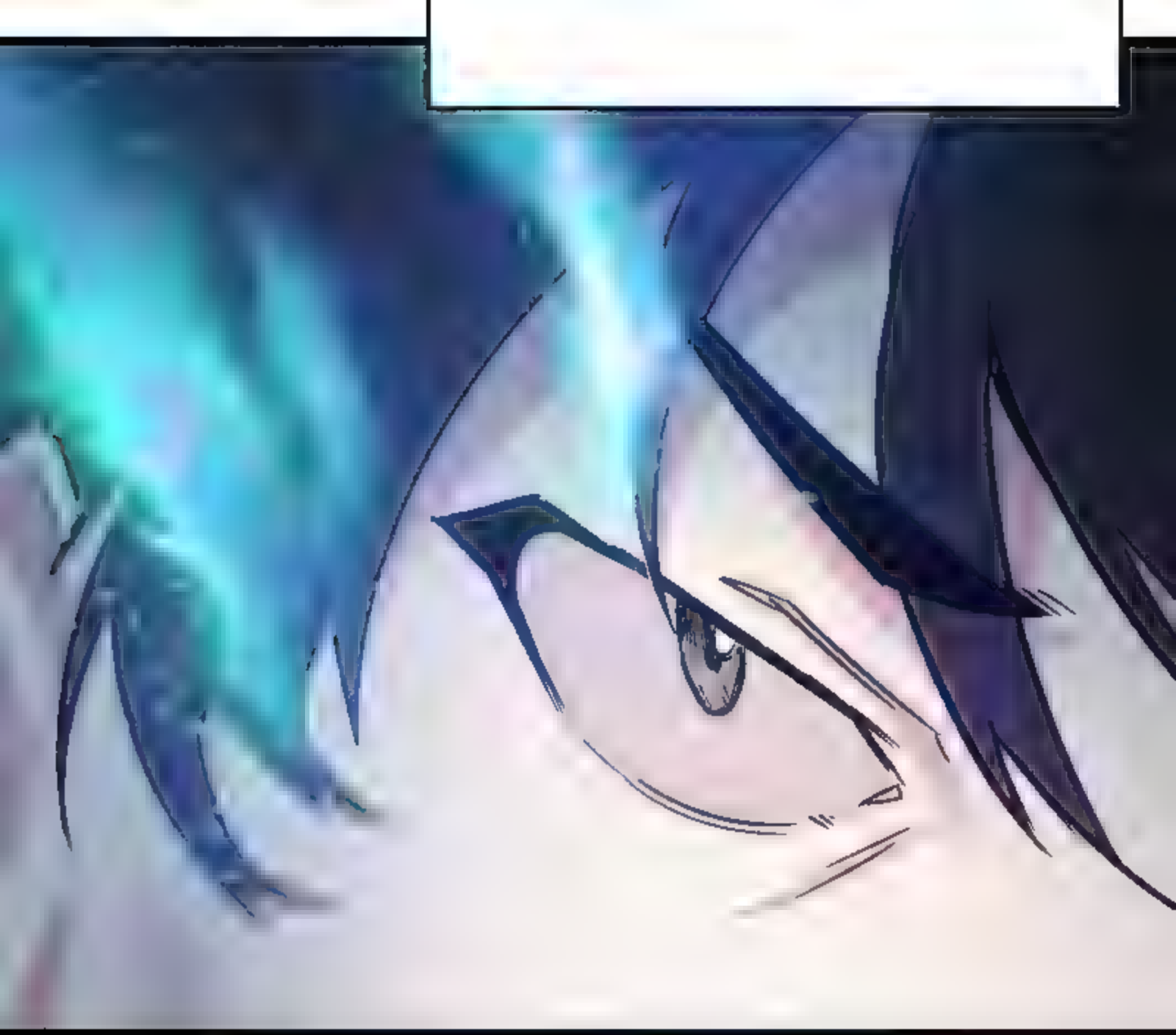


HUH?

I THOUGHT
YOU PASSED
OUT, DUDE.



THE DESCENDANT OF
THE HERO, YONGRAE KIM,
NEVER FOUGHT ANYONE
HIS WHOLE LIFE.



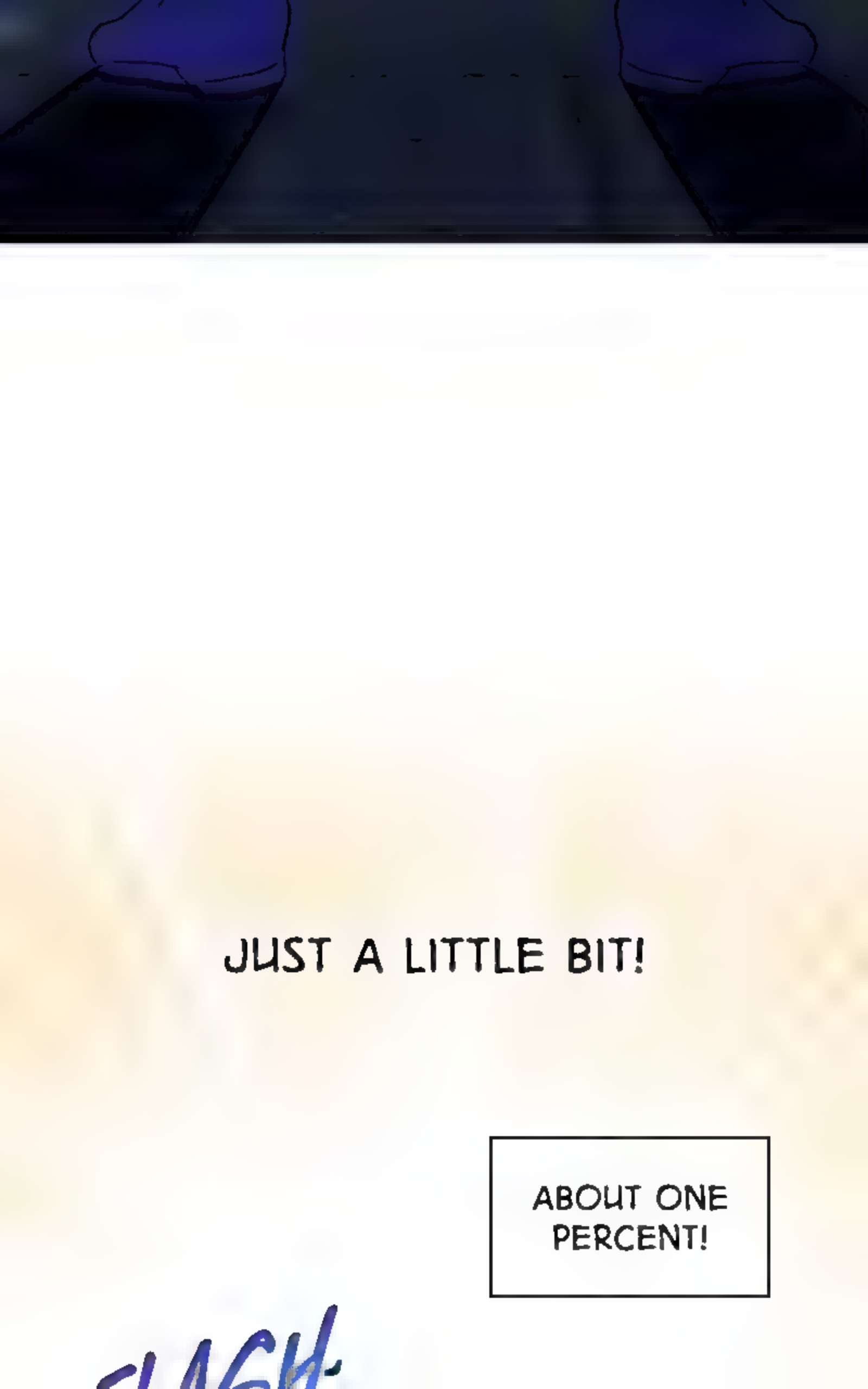
BUT AS HE
STOOD UP AGAINST
EVIL TO PROTECT
SOMEONE...

...HIS DORMANT HERO POWERS
AWAKENED!

DU DUN







JUST A LITTLE BIT!

ABOUT ONE
PERCENT!

LAUGH

FLASH

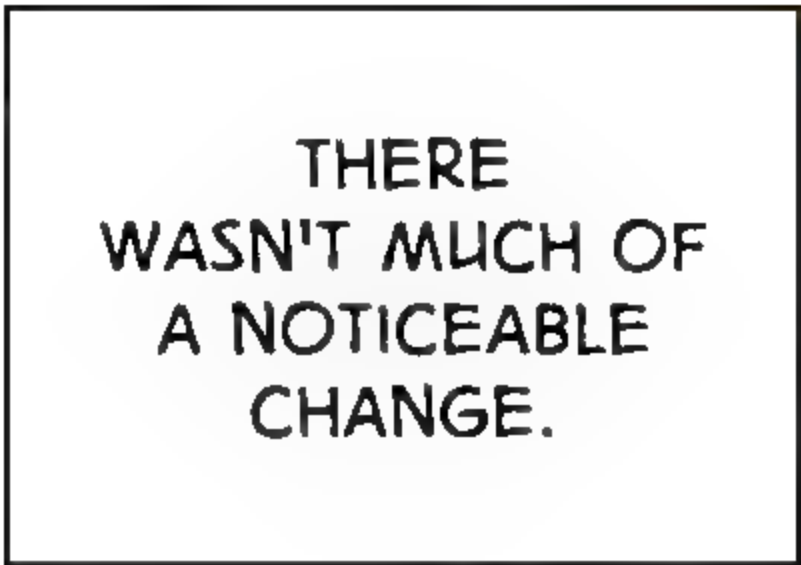
TREMBLE

SCRATCH





WAIT,
WHY DID I GET
UP? I SHOULD'VE
JUST STAYED
DOWN!



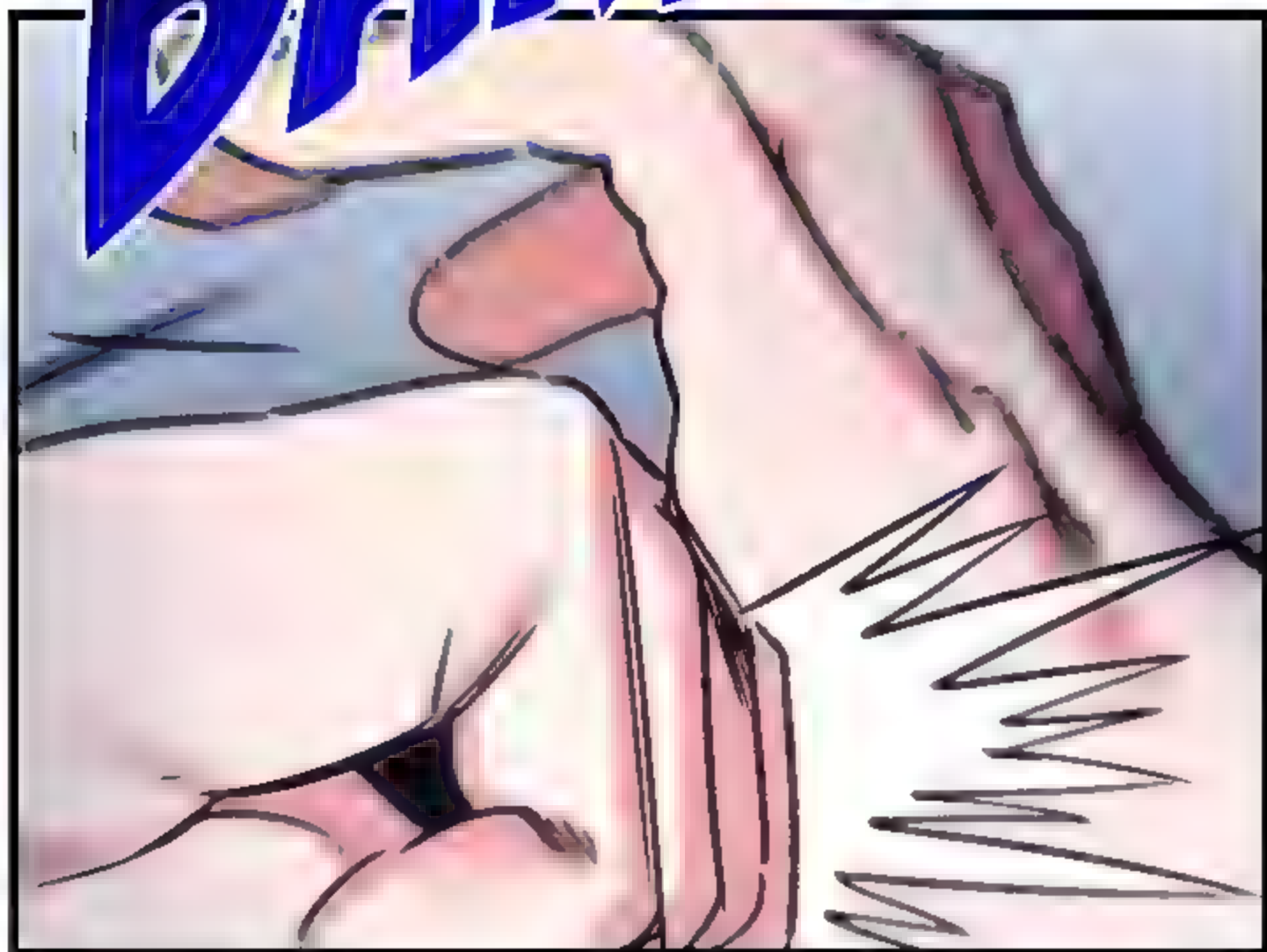
THERE
WASN'T MUCH OF
A NOTICEABLE
CHANGE.



SINCE
YOU'RE UP AGAIN,
IT'S MY TURN-!



BAM





???

G-





GAAAH!

THWACK





YONGRAE'S FIRST EVER PUNCH!

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